

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A hinge device comprising a first hinge member  $[(2)]$  which is provided at one and the other end part thereof with mutually opposing first and second support arm parts  $(2b, 2e)$ , a second hinge member  $[(3)]$  provided with a connecting cylindrical part  $[(3a)]$  which is disposed between said first and second support arm parts  $(2b, 2e)$  in such a manner as to be turnable about a rotation axis  $[(L)]$ , and a damper unit  $(16, 17)$  including a stator  $(16a, 17a)$ , a rotor  $(16b, 17b)$  one end part of which is turnably received in said stator  $(16a, 17a)$  and the other end part of which is projected from said stator  $(16a, 17a)$  and a damper mechanism disposed between said stator  $(16a, 17a)$  and one end part of said rotor  $(16b, 17b)$ , high-speed turn at least in one direction between said first hinge member  $[(2)]$  and said second hinge member  $[(3)]$  being prevented by said damper unit  $(16, 17)$ ,

wherein a support through-hole  $[(2e)]$  passing on said rotation axis  $[(L)]$  is formed in said first support arm part  $[(2b)]$ , a support hole  $[(2e')]$  is formed in an opposing surface with respect to said first support arm part  $[(2b)]$  of said second support arm part  $[(2c)]$  with an axis thereof aligned with that of said support through-hole  $[(2e)]$ , a front end part of a hinge pin  $[(9)]$  inserted in said support through-hole  $[(2e)]$  through an outer opening part thereof and passing through said connecting cylindrical part  $[(3a)]$  is fitted to said support hole  $[(2e')]$ , a rear end part of said hinge pin  $[(9)]$  is fitted to said support through-hole  $[(2e)]$ , said hinge pin  $[(9)]$  is fitted to opposite end parts of said connecting cylindrical part  $[(3a)]$ , thereby turnably connecting said first and second support arm parts  $[(2b, 2c)]$  with said connecting cylindrical part  $[(3a)]$  through said hinge pin  $[(9)]$ , at least one of said stator  $(16a, 17a)$  and the other end part of said rotor  $(16b, 17b)$  of said damper unit  $(16, 17)$  is non-turnably received in a receiving hole  $[(9c)]$  formed in at least one of a front end face and a rear end face of said hinge pin  $[(9)]$ , the other of said stator  $(16a, 17a)$  and the other end part of said rotor  $(16b, 17b)$  is non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole  $[(2e)]$  and said support hole  $[(2e')]$  to which one end part

of said hinge pin [(9)], where said receiving hole [(9c)] is formed therein, is fitted, and a coiled spring [(18)] for turn biasing said connecting cylindrical part [(3a)] with respect to one of said first support arm part [(2b)] and said second support arm part [(2c)] is disposed between an inner peripheral surface of said connecting cylindrical part [(3a)] and an outer peripheral surface of said hinge pin [(9)].

2. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 1, wherein said stator (~~16a, 17a~~) is non-turnably received in said receiving hole [(9c)] and the other end part of said rotor (~~16b, 17b~~) is non-turnably received in one of said support through-hole [(2e)] and said support hole [(2e')] to which one end part of said hinge pin [(9)], where said receiving hole [(9c)] is formed, is fitted.
3. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 2, wherein said receiving hole [(9c)] is formed in a rear end face of said hinge pin [(9)], a connecting plate [(4)] is detachably fixed to the inside of said support through-hole [(2e)], the other end part of said rotor (~~16b, 17b~~) is non-turnably fitted to an engagement hole [(4a)] formed in said connecting plate [(4)], thereby the other end part of said rotor (~~16b, 17b~~) is non-turnably received in said support through-hole [(2e)].
4. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 1, wherein said receiving hole [(9c)] is formed in each of opposite end faces of said hinge pin [(9)], said stator (~~16a, 17a~~) of said damper unit (~~16, 17~~) is non-turnably received in each of said receiving holes [(9c)], and the other end parts of said rotors (~~16b, 17b~~) of said damper units (~~16, 17~~) are non-turnably received in said support through-hole [(2e)] and said support hole [(2e')], respectively.
5. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 4, wherein said support hole [(2e')] is formed as a through-hole, said connecting plates [(4)] are detachably fixed to the insides of said support through-hole [(2e)] and said support hole [(2e')], and the other end parts of said rotors (~~16b, 17b~~) are non-turnably fitted to engagement holes [(4a)] formed in said respective connecting plates [(4)], thereby the other end parts of said

respective rotors (~~16b, 17b~~) are non-turnably received in said support through-hole  $[(2e)]$  and said support hole  $[(2e')]$ , respectively.

6. (Currently Amended) A hinge device according to claim 5, wherein said receiving hole  $[(9c)]$  is formed as a through-hole, an intermediate member  $[(14)]$  is non-turnably disposed at a central part of said receiving hole  $[(9c)]$ , said stators (~~16a, 17a~~) are received in opposite end parts of said receiving hole  $[(9c)]$ , respectively, and said stators (~~16a, 17a~~) are non-turnably connected to said intermediate member  $[(14)]$ .